



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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APRIL 25, 2005

WARM, DRY CONDITIONS ADVANCE PLANTING ACTIVITIES

Warm, dry conditions allowed Delaware farmers to advance planting activities last week. Air temperatures were in the 80’s with little reported precipitation. There were **6 days suitable for field work** for the week ending **April 24,2005**. Farmers made good progress with vegetable planting and corn planting is underway.

Small grains are in good to excellent condition. **Barley** condition is rated 11 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 33 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is rated 10 percent fair, 59 percent good, and 31 percent excellent.

Pastures are reported in mostly good condition with 10 percent fair and 90 percent good. **Hay supplies** are 7 percent very short, 46 percent short and 47 percent adequate.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	1	0	2	3
Corn	11	6	14	15
Green Peas	65	39	76	73
Potatoes	51	25	70	62
Snap Beans	13	4	18	15
Sweet Corn	20	18	13	17
Tomatoes	4	2	4	4
Watermelons	1	0	8	4
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	37	6	53	59
Peaches	85	83	53	74
Strawberries	11	5	20	37

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	14	81	5
Topsoil (2004)	-	-	78	22
Five Year Average	1	3	69	27
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	98	2
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	82	18
Five Year Average	4	12	63	21

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	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.33	13.11	1.13	86	41	62	8
Easton	0.87	17.39	4.03	88	33	60	4
Frederick	1.02	12.71	1.73	85	39	59	9
Frostburg	1.45	14.54	0.89	80	30	55	7
Hagerstown	1.04	9.84	-0.95	84	36	59	7
Mechanicsville	0.34	13.52	0.02	88	39	61	6
Patuxent River	0.43	12.86	0.88	88	46	64	8
Ocean City	0.13	13.66	-0.64	79	45	60	6
Salisbury	0.20	13.44	-0.38	87	35	60	5
Sharpsburg	1.04	12.17	1.19	85	31	58	8
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.60	12.57	1.84	86	43	64	6
Delaware							
Dover	0.39	13.83	0.94	86	45	62	7
Georgetown	0.16	11.66	-1.92	87	43	62	9
Wilmington	1.18	13.89	1.85	84	41	60	7

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